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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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DISTRIBUTION OF EDIBLE OIL UNDER PDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated the scheme for distributing subsidized edible oil through Public Distribution System (PDS) to the poorest section of the society; and

(b) if so, the implementation status of the said scheme, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH. KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The Central Government has introduced a Scheme for distribution of upto 10 lakh tons of imported edible oils in 2008-09 with a subsidy of Rs.15/- per kg. through State Governments/UTs @ 1 kg. per ration card per month through PDS shops/other outlets as decided by them. Following 29 States/UTs who had sought for allocation of edible oil have been allocated edible oil under the Scheme:-

Sl.No. Name of the State/UT

1. Andhra Pradesh

2. Andaman & Nicobar Islands

3. Dadra & Nagar Haveli

4. Delhi

5. Goa

6. Gujarat

7 Haryana

8. Jammu & Kashmir

9. Karnataka

10. Madhya Pradesh

11. Maharashtra

12. Manipur

13. Meghalaya

14. Mizoram

15. Nagaland

16. Orissa

17. Pondicherry

18. Punjab

19. Rajasthan

20. Sikkim

21. Tamil Nadu

22. Tripura

23. Uttarkhand

24. West Bengal

25. Chhattisgarh

26. Himachal Pradesh

27. Daman & Diu

28. Uttar Pradesh

29. Chandigarh

The edible oil is imported, packed and supplied by the Central PSUs to the States/UTs. Till 13.10.2008, orders for import of edible oil have been placed for 3.48 lakh tons . Of this, 2.40 lakh tons of edible oil has been shipped and 2.39 lakh tons of edible oil has landed in the country and about 1.43 lakh tons have been distributed to various States/UTs by Central PSUs.

The scheme has been formally launched on 28th July, 2008 from Andhra Pradesh. Distribution of subsidized imported edible oils have started in 12 States/UTs namely Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Karnataka, Sikkim, Nagaland and Rajasthan.